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1. [REDACTED] Gordon Fralin, OER, briefed Richard D'Amato, in the office of Representative James Jeffords (R., Vt.), on the Indonesian State Oil Company. This was done at Headquarters.

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2. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED] OCI, to a briefing of Senator Thomas Eagleton (D., Mo.) and J. Bryan Atwood, of the Senator's office, on various trouble spots in the Western Pacific and Asia with the Senator being particularly interested in the Philippines, Korea, Thailand and the Taiwan Straits. The Senator was highly complimentary through every phase of [REDACTED] briefing and he agreed to abide by the background of no attribution rule.

Following the session, the Senator initiated a conversation concerning the impact of the current investigations on the Agency, particularly as to the effect on the morale of the employees, etc. This led to a fairly free-ranging exchange among all of us with the Senator appearing to be genuinely sympathetic with a number of our concerns, the need to protect sources, tighten the law on disclosures and the need for a civilian intelligence agency. He also recognized that it is up to Congress to put their house in order on oversight of CIA and although he characterized the existing oversight in the Senate as an abomination, based upon Senator Symington's statements, and in discussion of senatorial responsibilities under the new reporting requirements on covert action, he conceded the possibility that even Senators might side step responsibility on the excuse of "garbled" communication.

3. [REDACTED] Saw Clark McFadden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and reviewed with him a sensitive accommodation procurement project. He confirmed that he had earlier received this information from us. I said I wanted to make sure since our activities in this connection could be subject to misunderstanding and we wanted to be sure our committees were aware of our activities.

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4. [redacted] Margo Carlisle, in the office of Senator James McClure (R., Idaho), called to request a briefing for the Senator alone on the status of the SALT negotiations. I told her we could provide a briefing on the Soviet strategic weapons but that the status of the negotiations and the status of the violations were out of our charter; we are reporters of the facts and not interpreters of U. S. policy. On this basis, we scheduled a briefing by Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, at 11:00, Monday 2 June, in room 460 Old Senate Office Building with the understanding that this would be for background use for the Senator only and not for attribution and not for public use to the extent that it was classified.

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5. [redacted] Bill Skidmore, OMB, called and asked what the Agency's position was on S. 1, the codification of the criminal laws, and the status of the Agency's proposal to protect intelligence sources and methods. I explained our position that section 1124 on unauthorized disclosures in S. 1 does not adequately protect the Agency and that our proposal to protect intelligence sources and methods had been sent to OMB on 23 April 1975. I told him that as far as I knew, George Gilbert, also of OMB, was handling our proposal. Skidmore said he handles all criminal legislation and will be handling S. 1.

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6. [redacted] Richard Fryklund, OSD/Legislative Affairs, called to mention that DOD would be testifying next week or the following week on the Indian Ocean and he thought it would be useful if we compared notes on our respective positions on this subject. I told Fryklund I was sure this was a topic which Messrs. Colby and Schlesinger have discussed but I would talk with our people to see if they had any other thoughts about it.

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7. [redacted] Received a call from Ron Tammen, of Senator Proxmire's staff, regarding arrangements for Carl Duckett's briefing of the Proxmire Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations on the Soviet Soyuz program on 4 June. Tammen mentioned the full Committee was being invited but no personal staff would be permitted to sit in. He said there would be two members of the Majority staff and two members of the Minority staff present (I will get the names of these individuals so their clearances can be checked). Tammen also said he would like to know the format of Duckett's presentation so they could be preparing questions for the members. He also asked if there was any possibility of sanitizing the transcript of the session. After checking with Duckett I told Tammen that the bulk of the significant information in the briefing is from sensitive sources and to try to sanitize the transcript would leave the record with erroneous impressions. Tammen said the Chairman will ask the question about sanitization in any event and Duckett can respond to it at the time.

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